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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 28 November 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory,  
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell,  
Sheldon (part of mtg.), General Truscott, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

25X1 a) Noted that during his trip [redacted] yesterday  
25X1 he had an opportunity to have conversations [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] and commented  
25X1 he was most favorably impressed with all of these people. The  
25X1 Director also noted that [redacted] the  
opinion that CIA in a great many instances weakens its  
recruiting possibilities in view of our security regulations  
and in particular ~~the fact~~ that "the young married men are not  
allowed to discuss their day's business in any way, shape or  
form but rather must restrict themselves to the weather".  
25X1 The Director went on to say [redacted] that  
we lose people as a result of the time it takes to obtain  
clearances, and in this connection remarked he (DCI) had  
felt for some time that Security is too restrictive in approving  
outside contacts which our people wish to make in the conduct  
of their daily business. Col. White and Mr. Kirkpatrick  
pointed out that in most cases Security does not prohibit  
contacts but rather furnishes any derogatory information on  
the person to be contacted as a flag, thus permitting our  
people to act accordingly. Mr. Kirkpatrick went on to say that  
25X1 in his opinion [redacted] is in all probability  
bending too far backward in not permitting its people to get  
in touch with doubtful characters and at the Director's  
25X1 request, undertook, together with Col. White, to look into  
25X1 the above. Mr. Kirkpatrick also noted that he received an  
eight page letter [redacted] expressing his views on  
our security procedures.

b) Reported that [redacted] whom he had  
seen in New York, had passed on to him [redacted] report  
which Mr. Dulles gave to Mr. Wisner for his comments,  
noting his intention of taking this report up at the OCB.  
The Director also said he thought that the guidance we  
furnish RFE is too long and complicated.

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General Cabell:

Reported that he attended a conference at the White House  
yesterday afternoon on the Hungarian Refugee situation and

it was made plain that the U.S. is lagging behind other countries in arranging for these refugees to enter the U.S. He stated it had been agreed that 25,000 would be allowed to enter immediately and would be processed after entry. Mr. Bissell noted he thought now was a golden opportunity for CIA to take the lead in organizing these Hungarian refugees into a solid body of opposition to the Communist regime. Mr. Amory commented on a message he had seen indicating that a Hungarian General and 10,000 Freedom fighters were located in the mountain area of Hungary and suggested that consideration should be given to furnishing these people with arms, ammunition, food, clothing, etc. The Director and Mr. Helms said they had not seen this message and Mr. Amory undertook to locate it.

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